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SUBJ: ECE- VENUE FOR 29 TH PLENARY

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1. SUMMARY: ROMANIANS HAVE OFFERED TO PAY ALL ADDITIONAL COSTS OF HOLDING PLENARY IN BUCHAREST. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS NICOLAE GHENEA CALLED IN CHARGE ON MAY 14 TO ASK US SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROMANIAN UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM (SEPTTEL) AND ALSO SUPPORT FOR HOLDING NEXT ECE PLENARY IN BUCHAREST. GHENEA SAID MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE AGREEABLE TO PROPOSAL. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH OFFICIALS OF OTHER E. E. COUNTRIES, AND HAD EXPLAINED TO THEM THE REASONING BEHIND ROMANIAN PROPOSAL. GHENEA PRESENTED ARGUMENTS REPORTED IN REFS A AND B TO EFFECT THAT ALL OTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS ALREADY PERMITTING PLENARIES TO BE HELD AT SITES OTHER THAN THEIR PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS. AFTER ITN ARG

IVLOTE US POSITIONS DESCRIBED REFTELS, GHENEA SAID GOR WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO PICK UP SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF INCREASED COSTS WHICH HE ESTIMATED AT \$70,000. THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PROVIDING CHARTER AIRCRAFT FROM TAROM (ROMANIAN AIRLINES) TO MOVE PERSONNEL FROM GENEVA, AND HOPEFULLY
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BY OBTAINING OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS. " SPEAKING PERSONALLY," HE SAID, " I HAVE REQUESTED FUNDS, BUT DO NOT YET HAVE A DECISION FROM THE GOVERNMENT." CHARGE SAID HE WOULD PRESENT GHENEA'S ARGUMENTS BUT SUGGESTED THAT GOR MIGHT MAKE BETTER CASE IF IT COULD STATE WITH MORE PRECISION AND ASSURANCE EXACTLY HOW MUCH SUPPORT IT WOULD PROVIDE. GHENEA SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE DECISION BY TOMORROW AND WOULD LET US KNOW. GHENEA'S ASSISTANT BALTAZAR TELEPHONED LATER ON BEHALF OF GHENEA AND STATED THAT GOR WILL DEFRAY ALL RPT ALL EXTRA COSTS OF HOLDING PLENARY IN BUCHAREST. GHEN
EA
HAS BEEN GIVEN NO ASSURANCE AS TO WHAT US POSITION WOULD BE, HOWEVER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE LEAVING BROADER CONSIDERATIONS TO OTHERS, WE DO SEE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE IN SUPPORTING GOR REQUEST BOTH IN TERMS OF HELPING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IN CONTRIBUTING TO ROMANIAN PRESTIGE AS A VEHICLE FOR SUPPORTING ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE. PLEASE ADVISE IF FAVORABLE RESPONSE CAN BE GIVEN TO GHENEA.

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